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Application No. : 10/056136 Confirmation No. 2328  
Applicant : Nobuyuki Tatsumi  
Filed : January 24, 2002  
TC/A.U. : 1743  
Examiner : Brian R. Gordon  
  
Title : AUTOMATIC SAMPLER AND NEEDLE FOR THE SAME  
Docket No. : NGB-12930  
Customer No. : 40854

AMENDMENT "A"  
(In response to Paper No. 20040805)

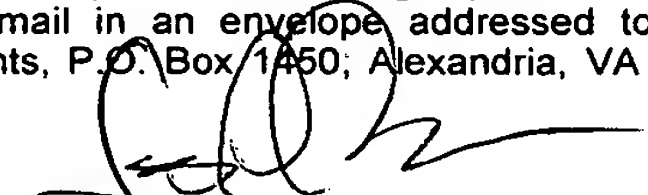
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Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated August 10, 2004. A check for \$88.00 is enclosed to cover the additional claim fee. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.
- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.
- **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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